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Dearest Loved Ones:

Again Sun. is almost gone & my letter not written - however I'll begin on it. It's after eight now - Miss Lin had supper with me & we both eat slowly when alone but together it's worse - So that has helped making it late.

Your May 14. letter came this week with two Independents' - matter I don't know whether I often mention how I appreciate the papers - especially the "Current Events" which comes most regularly. It gives such good items & they are short. Then the Reader's Digest I read as I eat by myself - one of two articles make a meal. I would not it be nice if that were all one needed but if so I'd miss much enjoyment as the nice straw -

2] berries + apricots we're getting now. The cook had been buying nice firm apricots but they were sour - so last nite as I came home I got a catty of some about to spoil - that ripe but not really - had him peel them + put sugar on them + they were delicious!
Am getting fat - actually!! I'm not desirous worry me yet! + feeling fine. I have been putting in long study hours besides the Bible classes every nite. It's over now so will have a little more time — About all my week has been study, water my flowers, + go to nite classes. Joy with me! The exam on San Min Chu I. [Sun Yat Sen's books] we finished on Friday - not so bad. It was rather fun. Just Mr. Chandler did it this time + he isn't so formidable as Mr. Davies — to the latter is most kind — he's strict all right. I'm really glad I've done that book; its contents are all.

3| widely discussed at present and it feels rather good to feel a little acquainted with it. No. Am especially glad for its hard places — the Wen Li or literary terms + phrases used — while hard they have been learned + now my new book is "Wen Li Lessons + I've already found a last I've just studied in it.

So far my letter isn't off yet to Mrs. Van Cleave, I must do it soon! Wasn't it wonderful how the Master answered!

This week has had an added excitement. One of the girls of the Peking Language group- Mary Vanderbilt - at Tsinan (Pres) is to marry a man of the Church of Canada in Honan. I got the invitation, then two letters beseeching me to go up for it — then they wanted me to take up the flowers for the bouquets etc - late Mon. rite. Wedding is Tues. P.M. at four o'clock.

4) I didn't see how I could afford the time or money but I wanted to go, see all the old brunch etc. Well, Mr. Davies decided since I'd worked so hard + been in the country so much it would be very good for me to go — He said change won't hurt you not that you're ill or anything but go - so am going 3rd class - sit up all nite. So I can go at the last minute with the flowers! Will get there about 7 - wedding is at 4 P.M. + wed a.m. I'll come back. I have been getting out summer clothes + seeing whether I can go in any shape! my little lavender is fresh looking - washing my rose + grey check + it's quite decent - washed my big greyhat in lux + it's all right — so will go for a wee little spree — the fare will be $12 mex. round-trip. Guess I won't go "bust" spending that much! Ha!

5] Mrs. Chandler needed the little dresser I was using so must fix up another. I can't decide what I want. I can get a pretty decent dresser like for 20 mex, but if Mrs. Tan does insist on my bringing the mirror maybe I'll use a table with cretonne covering & get a big chest of drawers made so they will hold more than a dresser - That room will not have meals spoiled for putting away things - only a small press - no shelves - If you can find some pictures of attractive, simple, yet impressive dressing tables, or dressers, or such in rooms if you'd send them it would be nice - maybe in time, Thanks.

Mother, what do you think! Mrs Chow & Wang called me in this a.m. & gave me the most beautiful 8 1/2 yd piece

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of flowered silk material
It's so "shiny" + lovely tatter
an apricot shade - just beautiful
enuf for us both (They said
you + me to have a dress)!
I was just speechless + surely
didn't know what to say or
do; How could I take it +
how could I refuse it!
While it isn't the most expen-
sive Chinese silk, it is lovely
+ not a cheap gift + here they'd
just lost a lot of country
things + had to buy new + get
$32 a month salary! I'd given
them $10.00 when I heard this -
+ they've had a lot of meals here-
but I didn't want them to do it.
They said they thought we could
wear the color + they liked it
+ wanted to do it! Imagine! I
was just overwhelmed!! They want
me to make foreign dress of it.
- I wait now. wait till I
come home + I'll bring it. I
don't want any more foreign
clothes now. If it I could

7] just wear chime all the time but can't here - anyway it would be a shame to make it up + not wear it! I bowed deeply thanking him for you sweet mother mine;

The cook amused me so. Today he went by a slap to get his letter; it came to a pawn shop; he picked out several silk chime garments + brought them home for me to buy because he thought me a bargain + very nice + bid like me to wear chime clothes!! He thought it was too bad they were too small but I was glad + had the excuse so not to hurt him! He was so excited just sure I'd like them!! You'd laugh at this rose + grey crepe dress - it was "crinkly" you remember. I washed it + it just became nothing so had to stretched out to size - well we surely stretched all right - its just enormous - I wish it you rain - a few sprinkle all over would reduce it again to normal "crinkly"!!

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8/ I think our last repairs are over, a new stove pipe. Thank yaw mumie precious, yaw use yaur money. I'll have enuf to get my needed house-hold thing. Mrs. C. has a glass door book case I'll buy - shes selling all her old extra furniture - hoping to get enuf out of it for a rug that she's been wanting. I'll see about a victrola. Thank yaw dearest ones. Lydia's mother sent us some records which came duty free - maybe just because they weren't declared - just came with no tag as to value maybe that's a good way do not put on a value.

The Luckburg's will be moving down to Tsingtao for permanent residence - so this Wed. they'll move their furniture here (their permanent house isn't done,) so in a week or two I'll maybe have a piano & full house of furniture - It is hopeless for yaw to keep up

9] with my furniture I know -
its a veritable Kaleidescope
I'll No. admit - but you at least
can imagine me as loving some
that made me laugh about
mrs. tan being a man - I can
see tho. I haven't exactly become
accustomed to the trousers yet.
Sometimes I almost feel embarrassed
about them but it is much
better than at first. They surely
are more suitable for their
mode of living + cooking -
sitting squatted before a
low stove than skirts - but
Matter, nevertheless I hope on
Mother's Day you didn't feel
I had deserted you! It just
seems impossible but I feel
so guilty. Honey, you know I
loves you!!!

A letter from Ike Etta says
a very cordical invitation came
from Leo + a couple from
Bud to visit them - She just
remarked - haven't heard from
Eula's but of course we'll

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10| stop in + say hello! So they'll be in Cal. by the time this reaches you. You know how much those little niceties (technicalities) almost! to have to be invited to your Bertie's house but if Eula + Ray'd hurry + write might just make things smoother! + DeEtta would feel better over it. Said she'd not heard from you matter fact she wrote of the plans - do not mention my mentioning this. — Matter do as you wish about sending these reports to anyone else.

It's almost 10 - I must get to bed because I'll be up most of tomorrow-nite + that wont be any too easy unless I sleep - I seem wound up) - but must stop - loads of love to my precious ones - do you know my term is about ½ gone — How sweet the Master is + I praise Him He let me come to China. I love it here + it's so ready - Love - Irene

Home - still here under protest

No.

June 14, 1929

~~a previous time.~~

My Precious Family:

Now for a chat. I'll begin my letter while I wait for dessert; apricots + chocolate cake. Last nite - the cook says it takes your just one hour to eat — because I read ~~etc~~ + eat at the same time - I can't just eat it's too much a waste of time - guess I've developed the "chewing" habit also - We are having lovely apricots now. oh just delicious + not expensive either. This cake is the first one the cook has done by himself - it's been rather a good lesson for him — I asked him whether he didn't want me to tell me once more how much to use TOKYO I'd prepared me he knew - When I started it I

2 I knew something wrong - so I checked his ingredients - aff some - so he realized that foreign stuff won't always say- he felt his "last post" - so tonite I asked if he could make a certain chinese food well - he said - after the chocolate cake I won't say swell, it's pretty nice. Been studying these days for baptism next Sunday. It will be a happy day too for me. We are having some music tonite as miss Lin went over last nite for Eva's vic. & records. I had had supper out on the porch with a glorious sunset be- fore me & then the moon came up & it was lovely & cool - so we sat & talked & wanted some music - so she went for the vic. It's been nice.

I told you last week that I was going aff for a "spree"

3/ Well, I did it. monday studied
till 4.30 fortunately had packed
my bag early a.m. Julia + I
planned to go out in country
to find some flowers to take
for bride's bouquet. Itr gardener
had said it was only ½ hr to
Sitsun, — Well it was — but the
flowers were not right there
he said! — We went + went
+ finally he said - ah it's a
long way almost to the mts!
How to pass 4 villages — we
just looked at each other —
but on we went — by scouring
the villages we got 3 little
yellow buds + at last a
few white waxy flowers to
be nice for the flowers! + back
at 1 feeling wid nothing nice
to take — Here was a box waiting
of lovely yellow roses from a
friend's yard + out in the back
from our own bushes we got
about 12 lovely madam Kouelé
white buds + half-blown
roses — with this we rushed
off to Julia's for a nice shower

4] supper! In the mean time the
cook took my bag + a bed
cover + went to buy my ticket
early + get me a place in 3rd
class so I could sleep -
When I went at 9:30 the he
was having saved me a
good place - opposite a woman
whose baby had had a fright
that day + of course the
whistle + train didint help
it - but she said lied lost
his "fun" his spirit, + I tryed
burned paper + called it
back but it still lost'nt
come. very once in a while the
baby
, twisted + jerked - Well I had
a lovely talk with her + told
her the gospel story + prayed
for the baby - + she slept all
nite. I believe the little mother
understood something at least
of the story of love. I early
curled up on my seat + my
public spirit was very dominant
at first I didint stretch out
my legs in the aisle - there

5] was no arm on it but I felt it might be too hard too pass. No. if I did - after an hr. or so I awoke & investigated the aisle in both directions — full of feet - so cut mine went too! Slept pretty well.

At Tsinan Mr. Walter & Mary Donaldson met me & there up beg 2+1st class hunting me - so I got off my plebian 3rd I just waited for them at the gate! There was a regiment of soldiers down at Tsingtao station to "see off" some high official. I was impressed by them in comparison with the soldiers of the north when I first came here. They were notoriously sloppy looking, unkempt, & not uniformly dressed - but these chiang kai Shik's use snappy" all tall, well kempt, uniformly clad & marched with real pep! I was reminded of that article in

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6] "Reader's Digest": "Orient Looks up its shirt" in which that very thing was mentioned. We pulled out to sound of martial music well played — — + then all thru the nite at each station Soldiers were there to play the same salute for this noted person in 1st class. It had rained hard in nite a regular deluge from the sight of the flooded rice fields + the roads brim full of water. These roads were the old-times about 3 - 5 feet lower than the level of the fields — just worn down + fields built up - They really are deep little valleys + they were full of water. The wheat all had been harvested so this was just the delight of the farmers to get such a rain. Tsinan is so interesting, most like Peking in its "Chinese" aspect, Tsingtao is just foreign + ugly in its foreignism but this

7] busy bustling Shanghai city surely was interesting. We went to East Suburb + had breakfast. The houses No. there are large, high-ceilings + some are of stone - to be cool - [they need cool ones I believe from those two days]. I saw the first 2 story house built there. It was just open before the officials gave permission for it for on a high hill just outside is a tall pagoda + they feared if the spirits of city coming from it got mixed up with the house it might cause trouble! After breakfast + brief calls on the various households there we went 1½ hrs. by rickshaw over to South Suburb where University is to see the bride + all the fun! They were in the midst of the final toasts well, you can imagine how I revelled in this! Mary Vanderbilt - was the bride + such a change - just that day - ordi-

& marily silent, demure, - most efficient & methodical - but very vivacious - she just blossomed into a charming sweet bride - positively ta-dient! Well she might for all of Susan & friends were surely doing all in their power to make up for absence of family & own dear ones. Every detail was perfect! Just like home & there are many points which make it difficult to have it so away from home markets. Dining table - with a fine cut & most exquisite, cake on a large silver platter [I'm sure all the friend's silver & lovely things were borrowed to care for such a number]. The cake was christmas fruit cake iced & the Y.W.C.A. girls cooks had iced it with little flowers etc - so pretty - I helped work on the bouquets after seeing the presents & visiting a bit. It wasn't easy but

9/ the other girl did mat + she just achieved works of art!! from our few flowers + added baby breath + bridal wreath. After lunch at 4 P.M. we went to University chapel - a beautiful stone building - the front just beautiful with fern background, big pots of pink oleanders, + lawn filling in of bridal wreath. Deane Walter came from the front + the bridal group from tracks. Two dearest little girls (flaxen girls - their brothers had practised them all week themselves for fear they did not behave properly - isn't that sweet? They said the day before they sat on the altar steps + took off their shoes so brothers were in dismay! Deane W. married them. Margaret Smith was maid of honor + Dr. Claflant led her in - so the whole party was Language school! Well after the tea — we saw them off on the Blue

10/ express - draped their chairs with paper streamers etc — but it was just real fun!

On their train we saw the special car which carried the remains of Sun Yat Sen to Nanking. It was returning to Peking a beautiful car of blue + silver - in colors!

Wed. I stayed over. P. M. had a tea at the tennis court + had ice cream. Flew at nite a dinner at Baker's home - Stella + Deane came as far as Weihsien so we had a grand visit! Got home weary but glad I'd gone. I think it was good for me to go + see the bunch + all! Mary surely had beautiful gifts + such pretty dottes — It was all very sweet! Seemed rather nice in a way to have a little taste of a big station life — we have nothing here in that line at

11] all. Maybe there is a social group gathering of all the foreigners occasionally but we of the mission have had two station meetings + that's the only time we have all been together.

I must see about furniture - I almost wish I'd had Mrs. E. bring me a dresser + chiffonier from home - I mean that would set but guess it as well. I expect to improvise a dressing table till I see what I want. I'd like to buy the Wei covered chairs + things but I think too don't have many - it will be a chance pick up I expect if I get any. Began on Wenli in earnest this week + it is so hard ummy!! But it is interesting. However if I don't get to the country soon I'll just "pass away" - I'll just

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12| get to get out - wish the wheat would soon get harvested || I can't live like this much longer - Mr. Li of Pei Ling was in & said there are twenty families there more since we left who want to enlist but it is just impossible to get to them all + then he can't teach the women so I think I'll see if we can find someone to help. The old type Bible woman could do much, we could get on to live there for 70 or $ 80 mex - say $ 7 gold a month. I think I'll try to carry it too besides my students - it would be such a help. I just wonder if Bud + Bessie maybe, + Lemit a bit of title + they'd like to have this little work of their own. I'll go ahead to try to procure one if we can. Our Tunghsien trained workers get from 14 - 20 mex - 7 - 10 gold. Non g.m. must

now - read it - I'll see

at Home:
Sun. Eve. July 7, 1929

Dearest Mummie!
The letter time has gone into a long letter to the C.E. in answer to one I found waiting me with your 3 nice ones! They will give it to you so I will first write the personal things to you. It is after ten now + I must get up early — ah these busy days! fuller because as you'll see I love mrs. Chandler's household to manage — 3 kiddies — but really they take a minimum of time. Her ~~servants~~ are good + I don't bother the house part much but just love to be on the job for the children. They love a bath — house at the beach + as the kiddies love it there + its easier to care for all there were spent most of time there since they left on Thursday of July 4. The kiddies really are fine + obedient so I'm enjoying it immensely. It most amusing!

I think I haven't answered May 23 letter — your math war + mine was about the same time! That's a joke about that bread-maker if you'd come I probably could not get it for it so don't worry about having to eat it! You'd love my nice Chinese food! Right now I've been on foreign food 3 days + miss my Chinese food!! mrs. Tang asks of relatives "sent regards" to you mummie + one always remembers

I] you Eula, What ever happened to That Spokane Co- I thought that was good. Will they pay later? Sawyer init the head now is he? Why didnt you tell me! are you sure you're enuf!! I was so shocked to hear that I am thankful you're had enuf tho! Mumsie, I will send some if you need. You need not fear to ask me! Please!

Isnt it good news that Board has closed the year with out a deficit! I was so glad to get your letter when I got in from the country, I immediately sat on the top step + read them before opening the door. This time I didnt take cook so he was here + had all ready! I did not train twice + then missed me. He was baptized while I was away. Seems so sweet + fine. I am just so grateful for him! mumsie dear, I'm glad to get up to the graveyard + had a nice visit with Aunt Allie! What color is your summer coat? I surely was sorry that Norman's left Woodburn, they'll be missed. Had Aunt Clara gone to California? mumsie you dont need to live alone so dont think of it! glad too, you're those piles aint + do hope you won't suffer any more! Bless that boy for his offer of life service, tho there are times of backward steps in some lives still the Spirit is working, choosing + calling those He wants! I praise Him! Strikes me so funny to see the subject of a meeting! Ah long the treasure is in such an earthen vessel!

ok for some of your
rain! We do so
need it here!!
When I came in
wells were getting
dry, + Kaoliang
only about ¼ its usual height! If we don't
have it soon - oh!! more famines!
You're at Woodburn now + I do hope the
crop will be good! Well, dearest I'm so
sleepy there's no use! I must get to sleep-
love + nity nite -

Tues. a.m. Back again from the beach. It was a raining misty day - Lydia, the oldest girl had asked two friends for a meal at beach but we had it here + then went out afterward tho it was still misty. These lousy days. I'm trying to get an exam off in Matt. Thursday. I think I'll be back soon maybe that day or next + then I'll prepare for another country jaunt of 2 weeks. Mumsie I took a card this week and but no chance to mail it so just didn't write it.

Tomorrow the cook is going to take a present of three suits of clothes to old Mrs. Tan - cloth for Miss Tan's mother + daughter-in-law. While I stayed in their home + they wouldn't let me buy anything It is true I took a number of cans of things to help out but I can send them presents. So to make it all the nicer than the cook

4) go especially with them, Sending the old mrs. Tan two pairs of black slacks like trousers & white cloth shirt garments for hot weather, and a suit trousers & shirt garment of lined black.

Thurs. Eve This is just a piece mail letter & I'm so ashamed of it & to be so late - but really it is just out of the question to get time to write a decent one - so I'll just hurry & mail it to allay any worries & you'll have a letter anyway. Mr. D. is not back yet & my exam is just waiting. I fear I'll forget it - Mrs. C's letter today said they'd try to be home by Sat. so it is not at all sure. - I'm enjoying them but I want to get to the country Sun. Monday & have so much to do & all that I will be glad. It's good for me tho to have to be responsible for others since I've been alone so much. Marcia 3 yrs. is so cute, last nite she prayed for all the puppies & puppies mothers!
Had a set of tennis tonite - fun! & I suddenly realized it was first time for a week I had left them! Supper time now I must go to see that hands are washed & will be ready. I'm enjoying servants prayers so much in mornings. They lead. Glad mrs. Tan was just so delighted with her clothes that she could hardly speak. I'm so happy to have had the chance to send them. Lydia is just back from nice swimming party - Kids all washed & supper over off for a bath - nitty nite & lots of love my only consolation for this scribble is the fact that a fat letter will follow

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July 21, 1929

My own Precious Mumsie Darlin:

Your last letter did come on the boat with Mrs. Eames but I saw her first + oh it was so good to hear about you + to have been able to ask the million + one questions I want to because I just had a few minutes talk with her at the boat. I can't go out now for over nite as they are full up. two families + anyway she just got in on Friday - at least I'll let her get settled before I become one of the family but I'll see her soon - but it was so good to see her + to know she'd seen you. She says you looked "awful spiffy" in new coat + flower etc. I am so glad you have the nice things. I just thought "well, I've a mighty spiffy, pretty mumsie, anyway." That is the cutest little ice cream freezer - just like a toy one of cutest I ever saw - but doesn't you paid too much for it!! You should have gotten a cheaper one - the $1 ones! I priced some here yesterday, same nice + not nearly so pretty they were $8.50 so you see

2/ it means a lot to have had mrs. C. bring it. But most of all was the love that came tucked in all over + around it. I judge from your letter upon just saw her at the boat. Thank you dearest so so much. Haven't tried it out yet but will soon. I didn't have cook get the ice yesterday + salt + I rather hate to have her do it today tho I'd love to have some, I may yet! That little freezer is too darling!

Had a great time meeting mrs. C. went at 12 + waited 2 hrs in the hottest sun + was about all in - came home + just as I was getting a bit of dinner - in came the boat so I had to rush again but tho it took about all day I was glad that I had gone.

Upine had the C. C. letter that relieves me for once again upine had a delay in your letters, that measely little one I wrote while at Chandlers is the last I wrote, Well, we went on thru that week - busy + gel - + then mrs. Chandler came in on Saturday morning, as weeks ago - on the 13th. Sky had a fine visit + nice trip + enjoyed the meeting very much. Mrs. C. said it had done her a world of good to get away. The kiddies were very good + seemed to enjoy my care - I guess it was just because I took them to the beach almost every day + let them

play in the water lots longer than their mother does - at least that is what I overheard the little girl tell one of the pailanboys while I was in the "boxi" dressing that she liked me better than mother !!! I decided after that to get them out of water earlier -- Well, it was a bigger responsibility than I realized + + wouldnt let myself think of the things that might happen - but all were finely tanned + freckled + well when the family came home so I was glad! (don't read this out) I had a little unusual pain that a.m. with my time sort of like that day at school in W.H.S. so Mrs. C. got back just in time to call Dr. Weindt to come. He is a german Dr. very abrupt but kind. He was zonied to me. I told him what it was - he kept saying - "Impossible" but I knew - He said stay in bed - so I went to Mr's Ci's guest room + my cook brought my meals + her cook's wife who has sewed a little for me came to care for me. She is just the dearest little woman ever - She said she'd never cared for sick folks but she just knew how - as well as a trained nurse. Of course I had to tell her but once was enuf. That was such a sweet

4/ two days she ~~helped~~ me. Sun. P. M. then I came home + rested in my new bed. The one I got at the Board rooms, It is very nice + all but I wish I had it put so much in it. I bought "cheapest" not really high considering gold prices but I could have gotten one ~~bed~~ for so much less - Of course, no one knew or knows + so I don't blame anyone. If I had really gone to Yibrien the situation might have been very different + I'd have been glad.
Speaking of beds reminds me - This week I have ordered my furniture - The cook brought a carpenter up + his prices were so reasonable I let him do a lot - all in fact. He came back later to say he'd figured too cheap. My teacher who was here at the time felt that is just what would happen because it was so cheap. The cook told him I'd not really let him lose money on it - That he must just do it very well. Here is the power of the mystic Chinese "face". The cook said, "If you refuse now you will lose face + so will I". so to save his face - their "combined faces" he didn't say anything to me, but went on with it. This is what I got. I really am getting tighter all the time in regard

to spending on myself. But I have pranged all year on other furniture. That was all right because I was not permanently located but now I'm settled + must provide for myself. He is making a nice table  this style for my big mirror to sit on - as a dressing table - + a bench,  to sit on. Table $6.00 + chair $1.50 Then a chest of drawers  for $13. a dining room table copying the gate-legged one I love of the Lewisburgs' with folding leaves - $9.00 This at home would be $20 gold at least This kind I must have because my dining room, study + parlor are all one - + a big table would take too much room. Six chairs They are so pretty - also copying mrs. Li's that I have. for $5 each. Should be easily $10 gold new. Then the wreck of a clothes press that I have he will make over + put doors on + stain for $8.00 + make a little standard for my file case with two drawers in it. to go beside my desk $3 1/2 so you see for less than $40 gold I will get my most needed furniture. It's all to be darks. Wish my bed were but it's cream. By time I get back from vacation all will be done. Gradually I'm getting what I need. Must buy a kitchen stove + kitchen cupboard - + table + I'll be pretty well fixed. I said

by I was getting tight. I almost got just
4 clairs (like my one pillow do you
remember ?) + teacher said get six so
I decided I'd really better, no use to be too
penurious ! There are such needs tho on all
sides I just don't like to spend where I
don't love too. Don't worry I eat properly
+ am clothed;
This week too took the blue silk mrs. Hodge
made to a Russian dressmaker to fix up
a bit so I can wear it to go away for
summer on the train. It was getting so big
around that Erva told me she thought
a certain persona might borrow it for a
maternity dress - that with a white silk
blouse to wear with my white plaited
skirt (That never will wear out just 8 yrs old
now] will complete my preparations for
vacation clothes. must get a pair of
white shoes. I've been so sorry I bought
all those "arch preserver" shoes + Oxfords. I
haven't worn any. The flat heels crepe
soles are so much more comfy. I can get
nice canvas with any style I want made
here for 2.00 gold, I just turn green to
think what I've soaked in those shoes.
boots not worn at all, I gave Mrs.
Harris one pair of the white oxfords
+ she was so glad. She insists she is
going to pay me but there is so little

7] I can ever do for her I love - to give them to her. She gave me a lovely little blue batiste slip to wear - she'd bought it for black - I surely have wandered for in the realms of "the material" in this letter. The body + its needs like the poor we have always with us. Reminds me I meant to say on+ that other page of (don't read out loud) I'm going in the morning for a repetition of that dilation I had in Ann Arbor in 1917. Dr. Weisker thought it wisn't +. tho I have had some months of no pain at all. I don't want to repeat last Sat + this week out in the country - so he says just get it done + be fixed up for another ten years. The cook thinks because I'll take "bitter" it is just awful. Spent yesterday fixing up odd ends + getting my things in shape. Just things that I'd neglected because of living in the country, or at Chandler's or studying. So by the time you have this I will be all fixed.

Last Wed. got off some more exams. on Matt. + phonetics + memory work. That clears 7 of 9 credits of 3rd year. I'm still at work on Wen Li - the Literary Language - This is hard. Maybe six character ray which 10 or 12 would in the spoken

of the style of the Bible. It is very hard
Sometimes you may recognize every character but
not be able to understand it because old
friend ever like "is" "are" take on a new meaning
when thus written. So the Chinese proverb is too
true - "go till you old, study till you're old - at
80 years you still know it similar." They
gave me a sheet prepared for S.S. teachers
in simple new li + I read it. For that they
really complimented me. Well, that's over
+ I first praise the Master for his help
I wasn't up to par physically but all that
it I kept thinking - this is Lord but I've
ever so much bigger Helper beside me.
It was a sweet + comforting + strengthening
presence that helped me so!

Mummie truly I think they was a letter
lost between that April 29 - + June 20 th
you wrote - I've never gone 6 weeks without
writing really! I'm afraid it was mailed
in the country mayble + lost.
Glad berries are going to be good. Your busy
now in them. I see in Independent that there
are so many homeseekers coming together
will buy + relieve you! Say what happened
to Dr. Gerald Smith's first wife - not long
ago I saw his marriage noticed?
Such fun it will be to see Warren. I
am praying something this summer may
touch them! I'm glad Earl is in for reload!
Ida's no more business out here than anything
I hope they keep him in reload!!
In looking over your old letters I see Mrs.

q remark about my spending so much money writing letters is my only fault as a missy. It must be really difficult to keep up with the six weeks of no

letters. (Excuse this awful writing, from where it's especially bad - I've been eating writing) A big drawer full of unanswered abo gives the "laugh" to her statement. I surely could tell you heaps of faults!, but I'll spare you!

Will see if eating chocolate cake will not improve my script! How a nice one - cake I mean love a bite. Cook did pretty well with cake but icing all ran into the cake so I had to help him. Did it as I dried my hair in the oven (that sentence sounds as if I wore a switch - but no - but I am getting grey!

Bless Bethlehem Heart! I thank her for the many but oh so much more for the prayers! I need 'em - oh for the pentecost power to be in our every word + action! I'll probably use the money on my "embryo preacher" embryo only as far as a degree is concerned. I'll try to write her soon but mummie and a note soon + beseech her to forgive if I do not write at once + thank her a thousand times for the check but tell her just the biggest + fondest help she can give this giving in prayer + ask her to please just pray more! Thanks! That was a

lovely visit in Seattle I'm so glad too!
I'd was so nice of Harry to take you! Ain't
they wonderful! I'm sure they are even more
so, than ever! Was so shocked about Dorothy Bittaker's
death. She was a close friend of Isabel's,
What happened? I don't feel it's right to
blame folks for it in any way! We can't tell
till our time comes & who knows that she
is not bearing far more fruit in her death than
in life. & Surely it is glorious for her. I've had
such a changed attitude toward it. You know
how I used not to be able to sleep on hearing of
a death - these days I have been longing
for Heaven in such a different way; To go
would be lovely; to know Jesus more perfectly
& to be with Him & our loved Daddy Si
& others. There is so much to gain. Truly
we should rejoice for those who have gone.

Mrs. Eames has just sent a note for me to
come for supper - I'll close now have a
little sleep & go out to see them - then
maybe after church go back for Supper
or if not come up to my little nest
& eat supper here. Must be up early
& to bed early have a good rest & be
all "peppy" so miss "Either" won't make
me tummy sick.

Bye, dearest precious ones. It is so
sweet writing near as for we are united
in Him. Lots of love - Irene.